

Nara Women's University (Nara Pref.)



“MAHORIBA” Program –Study Japanese Language and Culture in Historic Nara Japan's Oldest Capital

■ University Overview

① About Nara Women's University

Nara Women's University traces its origins back to the foundation of the Nara Women's Higher Normal School in 1908 and has been providing the highest level of education to women in Japan for over 100 years.

As a close-knit community with approximately 2,700 students and 200 teaching staff spread across the three faculties of Letters, Science, Human Life and Environment, and the Graduate School of Humanities and Sciences, Nara Women's University is proud to provide an individualized approach to education and research.



② International Exchange

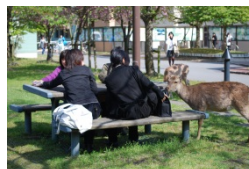
NWU has 46 overseas partner universities (32 universities in Asia and 14 universities in other areas around the globe).

③ Number of International Students and Japanese Studies Students at NWU in the Past 3 Years

2017 : International students 165, Japanese Studies Students 2
 2016 : International students 150, Japanese Studies Students 2
 2015 : International students 144, Japanese Studies Students 5

④ Nara – Japan's Oldest Capital “MAHORIBA”

Japan's first true capital, Nara, is one of the most famous sightseeing locations in Japan with several areas designated by UNESCO as World Heritage sites. Nara is easily accessible to Osaka and Kyoto and attractive for its affordable cost of living. It is the ideal place to study the Japanese language and culture. NWU is close to such World Heritage sites and Nara Park which is famous for Japanese deer.



■ Outline of the Program

① Purpose of “MAHORIBA” Program

The purpose of this program is mainly to deepen the understanding of the Japanese affairs and Japanese culture.

② Feature

Study and experience the Japanese language and culture in Nara, Japan's historic capital. At NWU, students will be able to witness traditional and modern Japanese culture firsthand while learning Japanese under the direction of a one-to-one tutor.

③ Number of Japanese Studies Students to be Admitted

5 students (4 Embassy recommended students and 1 University recommended)

④ Qualification and Conditions

Eligible female students have taken Japanese for more than 2 years and have passed the N2 level in JLPT or its equivalent.

⑤ Goals

- To learn Japanese affairs and culture at a deeper level
- To obtain the N1 level in JLPT or its equivalent.

⑥ Term of the Course

October 01, 2018 to August 31, 2019
 Closing Ceremony will be held in August.

⑦ Course Descriptions

Students will enroll in 11 compulsory subjects and more than 6 optional subjects. The subjects marked with * are designed for Japanese Studies Students.

1) Compulsory Subject

Subject	Fall	Spring	Hours
Japanese1A (Grammar)		○	30
Japanese1B (Grammar)	○		30
Japanese1C (Reading & Kanji)		○	30
Japanese1D (Reading & Kanji)	○		30
Japanese2A (Listening)		○	30
Japanese2B (Listening)	○		30
Japanese2C (Composition)		○	30
Japanese2D (Composition)	○		30
Introduction to Japanese Linguistics I *	○		30
Introduction to Japanese Linguistics II *		○	30
Seminar for Completion * (Final report included)		○	30
TOTAL			330

2) Participatory Subjects (Optional)

Subject	Fall	Spring	Hours
Practice of Sports Skills ('Kendo' & 'Naginata')		○	30
Introduction to NARA's food		○	15
Study of NARA's food	○		15
NARA Wooden Workshop		○	30
Community Research		○	30
International Seminar I / II	○	○	15/15

3) Lecture subjects (Optional) (**=Introductory subject)

Subject	Fall	Spring	Hours
Business Japanese I / II	○	○	15/15
Japanese Presentation *		○	20
Topics on Japan A		○	30
Topics on Japan B	○		30
History of the Japanese language I **		○	30
Japanese Linguistics I **	○		30
NARA Studies		○	30
NARA Studies B	○		30
Culture brought by Kuroshio Current **	○		30
Japanese Culture and Theory	○		30
Culture and Ethnology	○		30
Japan and Europe		○	30
Cultural Anthropology **		○	30
Special Studies in Cultural Anthropology		○	30
Cultural Sociology **	○		30
Gender Studies **		○	30
Seminar in Gender Studies	○		30

• Optional subjects except for 'Business Japanese' and 'Japanese Presentation' 'Topics on Japan' are open to both Japanese students and Japanese Studies Students.

• Japanese Studies Students may enroll in other courses as optional subjects with supervisor's consent.

⑧ Annual Events

October Welcome party, Ikebana lesson
November Tea ceremony lesson, University festival
May Ikebana lesson, Tea ceremony lesson
June Speech contest
August Farewell party, Closing Ceremony
※ Students will also be able to participate in exchange events with Japanese students, travel programs, Nara festivals and club activities such as Japanese art of archery, etc.



⑨ Supervision

This program is organized by the International Exchange Center in cooperation with the Japanese and Asian Literature course, Faculty of Letters. Supervising professors will be assigned to each exchange student according to her interests. Supervising professors will supervise each student's Seminar for Completion course.

⑩ Course Requirements

Japanese Studies Students will be required to attend 11 compulsory subjects (a 4000 character final report is included) and 6 or more optional subjects. Upon successful completion of at least 15, students will be issued a certificate of completion in both Japanese and English. Students can acquire academic transcripts of those subjects which they attended and passed, and credits acquired by students of our partner universities are transferable based on Academic Exchange Agreements.

■ Accommodations

International House and International Student House are both available subject to vacancy.

① Monthly rent

International House (for single) : Deposit ¥10,000-, Cleaning fee ¥10,000- (payable when moving-in), Rent ¥5,900/month
International Student House : Rent ¥4,700/month, Communal fee ¥1,200/month
Fees for light, water and gas are not included in the rent.

② Facilities

Bed, desk, chair, bookshelf, closet, toilet and bath.
Kitchen and washing machine room are shared.

③ General Information

Both are located within 5 minutes' walk from the campus. A train station is also within 5 minutes walk. Supermarkets and other shops are also located around the station area.



■ Follow-up for NWU Alumni

- Students will receive emails with updates relevant to alumni
- Students will be informed of opportunities to advance

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